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LETTER RE: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Attached is a Form PTO/SB/08A listing the enclosed document.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in accordance with CFR 1.97(c) before the mailing date of any of a final action under 37 CFR 1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p). PTO Form 2038 is also enclosed authorizing the fee to be charged to Applicant's credit card.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required consent to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f) to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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